

Please, for the sake of the democratic process and a truly free press, do not allow the consolidation of the press, and broadcast media to proceed. This will only further limit the number of different viewpoints, and angles from which to examine a point of view, issue or candidate. It seems ironic that in the "Age of Diversity" you would be cutting it down to a minimum number of possible points of view! Yes, we are somewhat polarized, but that is because democracy/the idea of a republic etc. have been able to survive and thrive in a society where free thought and the free expression, and dispersal of these thoughts was possible and encouraged by, among other things, the free press - which I hope we all agree, extends to the broadcast media.

So, in light of the above, and I am sure a multitude of other negative comments on this subject, please do not allow the consolidation of the media to a few giants. Especially when they have such a, generally, liberal bias.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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